



CLAIMS.

I claim:

1. A nail enhancement training device comprising: ✓
a cylindrical handle having a circumference at least at one end,
5 a multiplicity of nails which simulate human fingernails in size and shape
each nail having a proximal and a distal end,
the nails attached by the proximal ends to at least one end of the handle,
the nails arrayed about the circumference of the end of the handle with a gap
between adjacent nails.
- 10 2. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the distal ends of the
nails have a thickness of from approximately 0.5 mm to approximately 1.25 mm.
3. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the distal ends of the
nails are pointed, square shape with rounded each corner, round, or oval-shaped.
4. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the weight of the
15 device
approximates that of a human finger.
5. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the gap between the
nails is approximately 2 mm.
6. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the width of the
20 nails is from 4 mm to 25 mm.
7. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the length of the
device is approximately 115 cm and the diameter of the device is approximately 20
cm.
8. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the material of
25 construction is plastic.
9. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein curvature of the
nails approximates the curvature of a human fingernail.
10. The nail enhancement training device of claim 1 wherein the nails have a
surface which feels like the surface of a human fingernail.

11. A kit for displaying the nail art and the colors of nail polishes in nail enhancement methods comprising:

- a nail enhancement training device,
- nail enhancement materials,
- 5 tools for the application of nail enhancement materials, and
- instructional materials for teaching the methods of nail enhancement.

12. The method of training an operator in nail enhancement comprising the steps:

- a. grasping a nail enhancement training device by the operator with the operator's fingers and thumb engulfing the device and the nail to be treated and
- 10 b. applying nail enhancement materials to the nail to be treated using the operator's other hand.

13. The method of training an operator in nail enhancement of claim 12 further comprising the step following step b.:

- c. removing the nail enhancement materials from the nail.

15 14. The method of training an operator in nail enhancement of claim 13 further comprising the step following step c.:

- d. applying nail enhancement materials to the nail from which nail enhancement materials have been removed.

20 15. The method of displaying nails which simulates human nails having nail enhancements to prospective customers for nail enhancement services comprising the steps:

- a. applying nail enhancements to two or more nails on a nail enhancement training device, and
- b. allowing a prospective customer for nail enhancement services to
- 25 examine the nails having nail enhancements.

16. The method of displaying nails which simulates human nails having nail enhancements to prospective customers for nail enhancement services of claim 15 further comprising the step after step b.:

- c. selecting a nail enhancement by the prospective customer for nail

enhancements.

17. The method of displaying nail art and nail enhancements which simulate humans nails show the nail enhancements to prospective customers for nail enhancement services wherein the devices are arranged and displayed in a row that
- 5 stringed together by connecting materials as shown on Fig. 8.